

Colorado State Alzheimer's Disease Plan Update

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In 2008, the Colorado General Assembly recognized the need for a state plan to address Alzheimer's disease and commissioned the **Colorado Alzheimer's Coordinating Council**. (CACC) to complete the task. (SB 08-058) The CACC was instructed to draft a state plan that would describe the current status of the state, identify service and support gaps that exist and provide recommendations to state policymakers for needed improvements.

The CACC created a report released in 2010 with recommendations specific to preparing Colorado for a coming epidemic as our state population begins to reach the age of highest risk, 65 years of age, when one in eight individuals will develop Alzheimer's. By 2025 more than 110,000 Coloradans will have the disease.

Since the release of the report in 2010, significant strides have been made on the recommendations:

Recommendation: In cooperation with the State Department of Health and Environment, the Alzheimer's Association launched **Leaders in Dementia Care**, a professional training program for health care organizations. More than 52 organizations have been approved and are listed on the Association referral list as well as that of the CDPHE.

Recommendation: **Concern and Awareness Campaign** that began this past spring, focused on the 10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's. Early detection of the disease offers access to medications when they are most effective, the ability to make personal decisions about the future, opportunities to enroll in clinical trials, and receive support from the Association throughout the multi-year journey with the disease.

Recommendation: A new **Alzheimer's Disease Research Center** has opened and begun taking patients for clinical trials at the University of Colorado, Anschutz Campus in Denver. The new program is under the direction of Dr. Huntington Potter.

Recommendation: Through Association regional offices, local **Area Agencies on Aging** are being made aware of and promoting existing training materials for family caregivers, especially in rural areas.

Recommendation: Through our **Corporate Initiatives Project**, 25 key Colorado companies are targeted for education and support services.

Recommendation: The Alzheimer's Association continues to address the need for an **Alzheimer's module on the Colorado Behavior Risk Factor Surveillance Survey (BRFSS)** to collect state-level data on the prevalence of Alzheimer's and such things as living arrangements, family and caregiver needs and responsibilities. Will attempt again for 2014.

5.4 million
people in the U.S. have
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Colorado

NEXT STEPS:

- 1) Create a **statewide list of licensed attorneys** who agree to provide pro bono or reduced-fee elder law services to those with Alzheimer's and their families.
- 2) Encourage and enhance adequate **training for first responders** about medical and behavioral issues related to Alzheimer's when responding to an emergency involving these individuals.

The Alzheimer's Association is the leading, global voluntary health organization in Alzheimer's care and support, and the largest private, nonprofit funder of Alzheimer's research

Our vision is a world without Alzheimer's disease.





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10 million
baby boomers will
develop Alzheimer's
in their lifetime

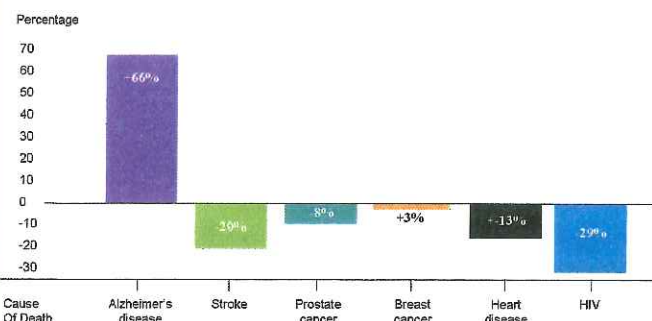
The Alzheimer's Association of Colorado offers education, counseling, support groups, and resources at no cost to individuals and families in Colorado who are living with Alzheimer's disease. While 72,000 people in Colorado are today living with Alzheimer's or another form of dementia, by 2025 that number will have risen to 110,000 unless we find better treatments or a cure.

Impact of Alzheimer's Disease on Coloradans and our State Health System

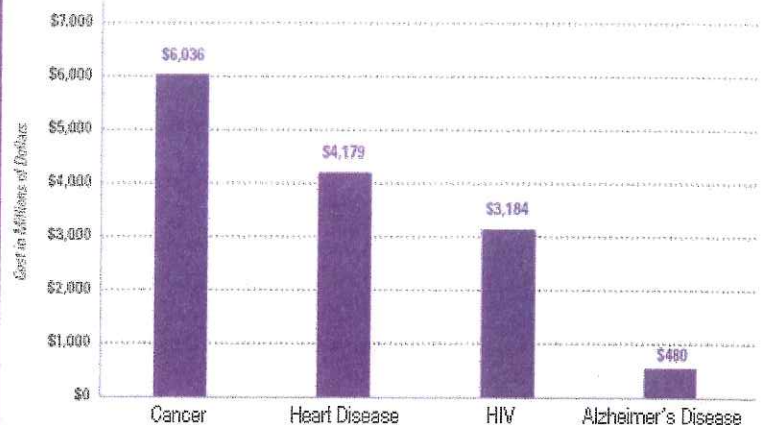
- By 2030 the segment of Americans age 65 and older is expected to double and those 70 million will make up approximately 20% of the population.
- Alzheimer's is the sixth leading cause of death in the U.S. but the only cause among the top 10 without a way to prevent, cure or slow its progression.
- Someone new develops Alzheimer's every 68 seconds.
- Nearly 15 million unpaid caregivers in the U.S. provide round-the-clock care for loved ones. 227,000 in Colorado at an unpaid cost of \$3 billion.
- The cost of caring for people with Alzheimer's is estimated to total \$200 billion in 2012 and is projected to increase to \$1.1 trillion per year by mid-century.
- A recent study shows 65% of caregiver employees report having to go in late, leave early or take time off and 20% had to take a leave of absence.
- The cost to Medicare of caring for someone with Alzheimer's will increase over 600% and out-of-pocket cost to families will grow more than 400%.
- In 2008 Medicaid payments per person for Medicare beneficiaries age 65+ with Alzheimer's were 19 times as great as Medicaid payments for beneficiaries without the disease. (\$10,120 compared with \$527).
- Total payments for health care, long-term care and hospice for people with Alzheimer's are projected to increase from \$200 billion to \$1.1 trillion in 2050.
- Medicaid paid \$23,953 per person for Medicare beneficiaries with Alzheimer's living in long-term care compared with \$222 for those with a diagnosis living in the community.

Alzheimer's Can't Wait. More funding for Research is Needed Today!

Percentage Changes in Selected Causes of Death (all ages) from 2000-2008



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- Have your referring physician FAX your medical records, insurance information and demographic information to (720) 848-2106.
- Please allow 2 business days for processing of your paperwork. Then CALL (720) 848-2080 to schedule your appointment.
- Be sure to bring any MRI/CT scans, lab results, and pertinent medical records to your appointment.

We accept all PPO/HMO/POS plans. Please call your insurance carrier to verify benefits and coverage at University of Colorado Hospital. Medicaid and CACP are accepted in available resident's clinic only for a one-time consultation; wait list may apply.



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